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SUBJECT: "To Give New Life to a Languid Rug" - information from home economists of the U.S. Department of Agriculture

A homemaker asks, "How can I put life in a languid rug?" And she goes on to say..."It's my good living room rug...but it no longer has any firmness or body to it. Instead...the rug's limp as a dishrag and it wrinkles around my feet every time I walk across the room."

Well...here's what home economists of the U.S. Department of Agriculture say has happened...the sizing has gone from the rug. But you can re-size it easily enough if you can get the right glue at a hardware or department store.

How to do it?...Maybe you'd like to jot down the recipe for mixing a re-sizing solution. Get your paper and pencil ready..and in just a minute...I'll give you the directions.

Plan to do the re-sizing job in a room where you can leave the rug to dry thoroughly...at least 24 hours. Lay the clean rug...nap-side down...on the smooth floor. Tack it at intervals so it'll stay straight.

Now for the directions...to make a half-gallon of the re-sizing mixture... you'll need a quarter of a pound of flake glue ...and two quarts of boiling water. Dissolve the flake glue in the boiling water and you're ready to go. That's all you need....just a quarter of a pound of flake glue dissolved in two quarts of boiling water.

Now for applying it to the back of the rug...You may sprinkle the glue mixture on the back of the rug...or you may brush it on. A whitewash brush is good for this job...if you have one handy...or a whiskbroom or a large paint brush will do.

Just one thing to keep in mind...use the glue sparingly. If it penetrates through the back of the rug it will stiffen the pile.

In re-sizing a rug...you see...a little glue goes a long way.

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